WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- A luminescence device, comprising: a substrate, a first electrode disposed on the substrate, at least one organic luminescence function
- layer disposed on the first electrode, a second electrode disposed on said at least one organic luminescence function layer, and an oxygen absorbent disposed between the substrate and the second electrode.

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- 2. A device according to Claim 1, wherein a voltage is applied between the first and second electrodes to cause phosphorescence from at least one layer constituting said at least one organic luminescence function layer.
- 3. A device according to Claim 1, wherein the oxygen absorbent is disposed in a region other than said at least one organic luminescence function layer.

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- 4. A device according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one organic luminescence function layer contains the oxygen absorbent.
- 5. A luminescence device, comprising: a substrate, a first electrode disposed on the substrate, at least one organic luminescence function

layer disposed on the first electrode, a second electrode disposed on said at least one organic luminescence function layer, and an oxygen absorbent disposed between the first electrode and the second electrode.

- 6. A device according to Claim 5, wherein a voltage is applied between the first and second electrodes to cause phosphorescence from at least one layer constituting said at least one organic luminescence function layer.
- 7. A device according to Claim 5, wherein the oxygen absorbent is disposed in a region other than
 15 said at least one organic luminescence function layer.

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